

#### Building a Ministry that Lasts

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- II. Live the Truth (13b)
- III. Guard the Truth (14-18)



#### • 1) Distraction

— Acts 6:2-4 - The twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

- 2) Distortion
  - 2:17b-18
  - 2 Pet. 3:16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

- 3) Deletion or Addition
  - Deut. 4:2 "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
  - Rev. 22:18-19 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; <sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.
  - \_ E.g., 1 Tim. 4:1-3

- 4) Destruction
  - E.g., Gal. 1:6-8

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- IV. Pass on the Truth (2:1-2)
  - A. To Men of Commitment
  - B. To Men of Character
  - C. To Men of Capacity

